

**WILLIAMSBURG PLANNING COMMISSION
MINUTES
2005 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN WORK SESSION #16
Wednesday, September 8, 2004**

A work session of the Williamsburg Planning Commission was held on Wednesday, September 8, 2004, at 3:30 p.m., in Conference Room 3A, Williamsburg Municipal Building, 401 Lafayette Street.

ATTENDANCE AND CALL TO ORDER

Present were Commissioners Young, Pons, Hertzler, McBeth, Rose and Smith. Absent was Commissioner Friend. Also present were Planning Director Nester and Zoning Administrator Murphy.

Mr. Young called the meeting to order.

OPEN FORUM

No one spoke in the open forum.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE

Mr. Nester reviewed the work session and public forum schedule for the rest of the calendar year. The following revised dates were approved:

September 13, 3:30 p.m. Discussion of preliminary population and economic data by the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission, and continued discussion on the public forum formats.

October 4, 3:30 p.m. Population and Economic Analysis prepared by the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission, and finalize details for the October public forums.

October 13, 6:30 p.m. Richmond Road Neighborhood Focus Area Public Forum, Community Building.

October 19, 6:30 p.m. Jamestown Road Neighborhood Focus Area Public Forum, Community Building.

October 25, 3:30 p.m. Discussion of issues raised at the October Public Forums.

November 4, 6:30 p.m. Center City Area Public Forum, Community Building

November 18, 6:30 p.m. Commercial Corridor Public Forum, Community Building

Nov. 29, 3:30 p.m. Discussion of issues raised at the November Public Forums

December 13, 3:30 p.m. Discuss public facilities with City Department Heads

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Mr. Nester presented a suggested format for the upcoming public forums, focusing on the Richmond Road Neighborhood Focus Area. The following points were made by Commissioners:

- Comments could be solicited prior to the meetings
- Make clear what is on the table for consideration
- What is the vision for the areas – everyone should be involved in the discussion about this
- A 15/20 minute brainstorming session should precede the individual breakout groups
- Issues could include sidewalks, enhancement of Richmond Road streetscape, Braxton Court, residential properties in decline, etc.
- College needs to be incorporated into the dialogue
- How will the College charter process affect the College's role in the community
- Don't make B&Bs a major issue
- How do people envision their neighborhood

OPEN FORUM

Debbie Keane, The Williamsburg White House, 718 Jamestown Road, expressed concern that changing the "three-person rule" was being discussed. She also noted that the majority of the B&B uses are happy with the number of B&Bs allowed.

Stuart Hughes, 103 Williamsburg Avenue, said that publicizing Mr. Nester's preconceptions would generate a lot of discussion. He also said that the decision to operate a B&B is a private decision – if it is not financially feasible, get out of the business.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Jesse Young, Chairman
Williamsburg Planning Commission